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Sir:

The references cited on attached form PTO-1449 are being called to the attention of the Examiner. Copies of the references are enclosed.

Applicants also wish to make the Examiner aware of the following copending applications copies of which, for the convenience of the Examiner, are enclosed:

1. Application No. 09/580,303, filed 05/26/2000;
2. Application No. 09/505,336, filed 02/16/2000;
3. Application No. 09/493,984, filed 01/28/2000; and
4. Application No. 09/649,255, filed 08/28/2000.

It is respectfully requested that the cited references and the above copending applications be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and the cited




references be made of record therein and appear among the "references cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

As provided for by 37 CFR 1.97(g) and (h), no inference should be made that the information and references cited are prior art merely because they are in this statement and no representation is being made that a search has been conducted or that this statement encompasses all the possible relevant information.

Applicant believes that no fee is required for submission of this statement, since it is being submitted prior to the first Office Action. However, if a fee is required, the Commissioner is authorized to deduct such fee from the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 20-1430. Please deduct any additional fees from, or credit any overpayment to, the above-noted Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,



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